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SUMMARY

**SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 13, 2011 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING,
9:00 AM – 11:05 AM, NORTHLAND OFFICE CENTER, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA.**

BOA MEMBERS PRESENT: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay - 6
BOA MEMBERS ABSENT: None - 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2011, MEETING:

Motion by Peterson/ Johnson

In favor: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay - 6

Opposed: None – 0

COMMUNICATIONS: A memo regarding the Morris appeal was included in the packets.

INTERPRETATIONS: None.

NEW CASES:

Case 5857 – Lawrence Meglen (S9, T57N, R17W, Fayal)

Approved a variance per staff conclusions and recommendations to allow a dwelling addition located five feet from the side property line with the following conditions:

1. The five foot setback shall be demonstrated by survey prior to the issuance of a land use permit.
2. If there are any alterations made to the county road, permits shall be obtained from St. Louis County Public Works beforehand.

Motion by Peterson/Coombe

In Favor: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay – 6

Opposed: None – 0

Motion carried 6-0

Case 5858 – John Opsahl (S9, T57N, R17W, Fayal)

Approved a variance to allow a new principal dwelling at a 75 foot lake setback because of verbal approval given by staff, with the following conditions:

1. A silt fence shall be used to prevent silt runoff to the lake.
2. The structure shall be unobtrusive (earth-tone) colors, including siding, trim and roof.
3. Stormwater runoff from the proposed structure shall not directly discharge into the lake or onto the neighboring lot.
4. Written proof shall be provided to the Planning and Community Development

Department that the cabin was disposed of in a manner acceptable to St. Louis County Solid Waste Ordinance 45.

Motion by Peterson/Johnson

In Favor: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay – 6

Opposed: None – 0

Motion carried 6-0

Case 5859 – Robert Welch (S25, T57N, R19W, Cherry)

Approved a variance per staff conclusions and recommendations to allow the creation of a 1.86 acre and a 2.23 acre parcel without platting, based on the aforementioned conclusions of staff, with the condition that no further subdivision of the two parcels shall take place unless the property is added to the two smaller parcels in question.

Motion by Werschay/Peterson

In Favor: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay – 6

Opposed: None – 0

Motion carried 6-0

Case 5860 – George Reck and Luom Dusek (S6, T58N, R15W, White)

Approved a variance per staff conclusions and recommendations to allow a principal structure at a 71 foot setback from the Ordinary High Water Mark of Embarrass Lake with the following conditions:

1. If the foundation is ever reconstructed, it shall be done at the conforming setback.
2. The structure shall be unobtrusive (earth-tone) colors, including siding, trim and roof.
3. A plan to enhance vegetation and protect the shore impact zone shall be submitted, approved by the county, and shall be implemented by the property owner no later than June 30, 2012.

Motion by Werschay/Peterson

In Favor: Coombe, Filipovich, Johnson, Peterson, Pollock, Werschay – 6

Opposed: None – 0

Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Peterson to adjourn the hearing at 11:05 a.m.